

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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Application No.: 10/500,649

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For: SPIRAL WOUND MEMBRANE
ELEMENT AND A PROCESS FOR
PREVENTING TELESOPING OF THE
FILTER ELEMENT

Group: 1723

Examiner: Sun U. Kim

Our File: IPB-PT002

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated
June 21, 2007 [Paper No. 20070619].

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

In the Action, claims 1 – 11 were made subject to a restriction requirement.

The claims were restricted in the Action into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1 – 10, drawn to a filter assembly for ultrafiltration comprising filter elements, central permeate spacers and pressure vessel.

Group II: Claim 11, drawn to anti-telescoping device comprising means for securing a free flow of the concentrate into the space between the distal filter element and the pressure vessel.

Applicant elects Group I, corresponding to claims 1 – 10, for examination on the merits, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application based on the non-elected claims.